



## Midwest cities scramble to keep homeless from dangerous cold

By BLAKE NICHOLSON  
BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Winter's sharpest bite in years moved past painful into life-threatening territory Tuesday, prompting officials throughout the Midwest to take extraordinary measures to protect the homeless and other vulnerable people from the bitter cold, including turning some city buses into mobile warming shelters in Chicago. Temperatures plunged as low as minus 26 (negative 32 degrees Celsius) in North Dakota with wind chills as low as minus 62 (negative 52 degrees Celsius) in Minnesota. It was nearly that cold in Wisconsin and Illinois. Governors in Wisconsin, Illinois and Michigan declared emergencies as the worst of the cold threat-

ened on Wednesday. The U.S. Postal Service said it will not deliver mail in parts of the Midwest Wednesday because of the cold. The bitter cold is the result of a split in the polar vortex that allowed temperatures to plunge much further south in North America than normal. The National Weather Service forecast for Wednesday night called for temperatures in Chicago as low as minus 28 (negative 33 degrees Celsius), with wind chills to minus 50 (negative 46 degrees Celsius). Detroit's outlook was for Wednesday overnight lows around minus 15 (negative 26 degrees Celsius), with wind chills dropping to minus 40 (negative 40 degrees Celsius).

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# DOJ's Whitaker says Russia probe 'close' to being completed

By **MICHAEL BALSAMO** and **CHAD DAY**

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The special counsel's Russia probe is "close to being completed," the acting attorney general said in the first official sign that the investigation may be wrapping up.

Acting Attorney General Matthew Whitaker's comments Monday were a departure for the Justice Department, which rarely comments on the state of the investigation into whether President Donald Trump's campaign coordinated with Russia during the 2016 presidential election.

"The investigation is, I think,



Acting Attorney General Matt Whitaker announces an indictment on violations including bank and wire fraud, Monday, Jan. 28, 2019, of Chinese telecommunications companies including Huawei, at the Justice Department in Washington.

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close to being completed," Whitaker said Monday at

the end of an unrelated news conference in Washington. He said he had been "fully briefed" on the probe.

Whitaker did not elaborate or give any timetable for the end of a nearly two-year investigation that has shadowed Trump's presidency.

So far, special counsel Robert Mueller has charged 34 people, including several close to the president. But he has yet to accuse anyone close to the Trump campaign of conspiring with the Kremlin to hurt Democrat Hillary Clinton and help Trump win the election.

Whitaker, who is seen as a Trump ally, took over the Justice Department — and

oversight of the Mueller probe — after Jeff Sessions resigned as attorney general in November at Trump's request.

Whitaker has drawn criticism for not recusing himself from the Russia investigation, even though he has publicly criticized it in the past. A top Justice Department ethics official advised him to step aside out of an "abundance of caution," but Whitaker declined to do so.

According to Justice Department regulations, Mueller has to provide a report to the attorney general at the conclusion of his investigation laying out his prosecution decisions.

But it's unclear what form the report will take or whether it will be released publicly.

And depending on when Mueller wraps up, the report may not go to Whitaker. Trump has nominated William Barr to serve as the next attorney general. His confirmation hearing was held this month and he's awaiting a vote in the Senate.

Barr told the Senate Judiciary Committee earlier this month that he wants to release as much information as possible about Mueller's findings, but he has hedged on specifics.

Trump has slammed the Russia investigation as a "witch hunt" and says there was no collusion.

The evidence so far shows that a broad range of Trump associates had Russia-related contacts during the 2016 presidential campaign and transition period, and several lied about the communication. Those contacts, according to Mueller's indictments and U.S. intelligence agencies,

occurred while the Russian government carried out a multifaceted effort to influence the 2016 presidential campaign and attempt to sway it Trump's way.

On Friday, longtime Trump confidante Roger Stone became the sixth Trump associate to be charged by Mueller.

The others are Trump's former national security adviser, his campaign chairman, his former personal lawyer and two other campaign aides.

Stone faces a Tuesday morning arraignment in federal court, where he is expected to plead not guilty to charges that he lied to lawmakers, engaged in witness tampering and obstructed a congressional investigation into possible coordination between Russia and the Trump campaign.

Though most defendants facing charges tend to stay quiet for fear of inflaming prosecutors or a judge, Stone has opted for a different tack since his pre-dawn arrest Friday.

Stone staged an impromptu news conference outside a Florida courthouse, made the rounds on weekend television interviews and mocked the probe on Instagram, posting a cartoonish image of Mueller holding a "nothingburger" — just a hamburger bun with no meat.

Also Monday, a judge delayed the sentencing of Trump's former campaign chairman Paul Manafort in Virginia after he was convicted of eight financial crimes last year.

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"These are actually a public health risk and you need to treat it appropriately," Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel said Tuesday. "They are life-threatening conditions and temperatures."

A wind chill of minus 25 (negative 32 degrees Cel-

capacity, and ambulance crews handled all outside calls as being potentially life-threatening, according to Hennepin County Emergency Management Director Eric Waage. MetroTransit said it wouldn't remove people from buses if they were riding them simply to stay warm, and weren't be-

said Terra DeFoe, a senior adviser to Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan.

Nineteen-year-old Deontai Jordan and dozens of others found refuge from the cold in the basement of a church in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

"You come here, you can take a nap, you can snack,

you can use the bathroom, you might even be able to shower," he said. "And then they're feeding you well. Not to mention they give out clothes, they give out shoes, they give out socks." Hundreds of public schools from North Dakota to Missouri to Michigan canceled classes Tuesday, and some

on Wednesday as well. So did several large universities. Closing schools for an extended stretch isn't an easy decision, even though most school districts build potential makeup days into their schedules, said Josh Collins, spokesman for the Minnesota Department of Education. □



Moorhead, MN area elementary school electronic sign shows to temperature Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2019. Daytime temperatures in the Fargo-Moorhead area were near -20F as frigid weather grips the area.

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sus) can freeze skin within 15 minutes, according to the National Weather Service.

At least four deaths were linked to the weather system, including a man struck and killed by a snow plow in the Chicago area, a young couple whose SUV struck another on a snowy road in northern Indiana and a Milwaukee man found frozen to death in a garage.

Officials in large Midwestern cities including Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Chicago and Detroit were desperately trying to get the homeless off the streets.

Minneapolis charitable groups that operate warming places and shelters expanded hours and ca-

ing disruptive.

Emanuel said Chicago was turning five buses into makeshift warming centers moving around the city, some with nurses aboard, to encourage the homeless to come in from the cold.

"We're bringing the warming shelters to them, so they can stay near all of their stuff and still warm up," said Cristina Villarreal, spokeswoman for the city's Department of Family and Support Services.

Shelters, churches and city departments in Detroit worked together to help get vulnerable people out of the cold, offering the message to those who refused help that "you're going to freeze or lose a limb,"



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## AP-NORC poll: President Trump's marks on the economy slip

By HANNAH FINGERHUT

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The public continues to give President Donald Trump his best ratings on the economy, but a new poll finds the share who approve of how he's handling that issue has slipped since last fall.

And as his promise of a U.S.-Mexico border wall brought a stalemate over funding to Washington, Trump also sees tepid support over his handling of immigration and border security.

The new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research shows the 35-day partial government shutdown took a toll on Trump's overall performance ratings. While presidential approval has fluctuated only slightly throughout Trump's two years in office, he neared his lowest marks this month, slipping from December. Here's how the nation assesses Trump's performance:

### LOW MARKS OVERALL

The poll finds 34 percent of Americans approve of the way Trump is handling his job as president, compared with 65 percent who disapprove.

Trump's current approval rating nears the lowest



In this Jan. 25, 2019 photo, President Donald Trump speaks in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington.

Associated Press

measured in an AP-NORC poll since he took office. Still, Trump has seen remarkable stability in his ratings throughout his presidency, with his approval falling in a narrow range across most polls, from the mid-30s to the mid-40s.

In December, 42 percent expressed approval of Trump, while 56 percent disapproved.

### ECONOMY AT THE TOP

Trump has long received better marks for his handling of the economy than his performance overall, and that remains true. But current assessments put Trump decidedly in the red for the first time since February 2018.

Currently, 44 percent of Americans approve of Trump on the economy, while a 55 percent majority disapproves. In October, and for much of last year, the president saw nearly 50 percent approval ratings on his handling of the economy.

Democrats are staunchly negative in their ratings of the president overall and on most issues, but about 2 in 10 had approved of the president on the economy last year. Now, just 14 percent of Democrats say they approve of Trump's handling of the economy.

### OTHER ECONOMIC FACTORS

Approval of Trump's han-

dling of trade negotiations with other countries (39 percent) and taxes (40 percent) also rank relatively high, while his handling of the federal budget deficit (31 percent) is among the least positive.

Across most issue areas, at least three-quarters of Republicans give the president positive ratings, including 85 percent on the economy, 82 percent on trade negotiations and 78 percent on taxes. But that figure drops to about two-thirds when it comes to Trump's handling on the federal budget deficit.

### IMMIGRATION AND THE BORDER

The poll, conducted during the shutdown, when the debate over Trump's border wall was front and center, finds roughly a third of Americans say they approve of the president's handling of immigration and about as many say the same on border security.

### TRUMP ON THE RUSSIA PROBE

Three in 10 Americans say they approve of how Trump is handling the Russia investigation, while two-thirds say they disapprove.

Republicans are slightly less likely to approve of how Trump is handling the investigation by special counsel Robert Mueller when compared with other issues, though a majority still express positive opinions. About 6 in 10 Republicans approve of Trump on his handling of the Russia probe, compared with at least three-quarters who approve on most other issue areas.

### OTHER ISSUES

The president also gets tepid ratings on his performance on health care (35 percent), foreign policy (35 percent) and climate change (30 percent).

The AP-NORC poll of 1,062 adults was conducted Jan. 16 to 20 using a sample drawn from NORC's probability-based AmeriSpeak Panel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 4.1 percentage points.

Respondents were first selected randomly using address-based sampling methods and later were interviewed online or by phone. □



# Serving warrants is inherently dangerous, experts say

**HOUSTON (AP)** — A deadly shootout that injured five narcotics police officers serving a search warrant on a house in Houston underlines the dangers of such operations, primarily because the officers are entering unknown territory, experts said Tuesday.

Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo said the officers "immediately came under fire" upon entering the home on the city's south-east side Monday afternoon. The suspects were killed. Four of the officers were shot and a fifth suffered a knee injury.

"Two things you know about police work: It can be tremendously boring 98 percent of the time and extremely dangerous and dynamic 2 percent of the time," he said Tuesday at a news conference. "But we know that they are always in danger and it's a dangerous business we are in." David Thomas, a criminal justice professor at Florida Gulf Coast University and a former police officer, said officers face extreme risks when serving warrants.

"The reason behind that is you are now dealing with somebody that knows they are wanted and so in many instances, they feel they have nothing to lose," Thomas said.

John Bostain, a former police officer in Virginia who trains law enforcement officers nationwide, said officers serving search warrants are usually at risk because they are going into a "completely unknown location."

"Unless you have been in that house before, often times you are going into a location and don't have any clue about what the layout is," Bostain said.

Acevedo told The Associated Press that his agency prepares an operations plan and a threat assessment of the location that officers will enter to serve warrants.

"We try to work up a house as much as possible, but 99 times out of a 100 we don't hang out in the house, we haven't been in the house. You just do the best you can," Acevedo said.

The chief said there's no such thing as a "routine" serving of a warrant.

"You hope for the best but prepare for the worst. In this case, we experienced the worst," Acevedo said.

Two officers were shot in the face. Police said one of them — identified by Acevedo as a 50-year-old sergeant — was discharged from the hospital Tuesday. Dr. Michelle McNutt, chief of trauma surgery at Memorial Hermann-Texas



Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo talks to reporters during a news conference at Memorial Hermann Hospital on Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2019 in Houston.

Associated Press

Medical Center in Houston, said the second is facing several facial trauma surgeries.

Acevedo said the names of the injured officers are not being released because they work undercover.

Police knew black tar heroin was being sold at the property and a team of nine narcotics officers was attempting to serve a search warrant when they forced open the front door and immediately faced gunfire, Acevedo said. One of the

suspects, 58-year-old Rhogena Nicholas, was shot and killed as she tried to grab the service weapon of the first officer to be injured, he said. The second suspect killed was 59-year-old Dennis Tuttle, the chief said.

Acevedo said the first officer through the door was charged by a large pit bull, which he shot and killed. Acevedo said Tuttle immediately opened fire, striking that officer in the shoulder. "(The officer) went down, fell on the sofa in the liv-

ing room, at which time a female suspect ... reached over the officer and started making a move for his shotgun," Acevedo said. More officers entered and shot her.

He said none of the officers was wearing a body camera.

Police can minimize potential dangers using surveillance to gather information about the property ahead of the raid, Thomas said.

"Because what we know before we enter means the world," he said. □

## Medical helicopter crashes in remote woods, killing 3

By **DAN SEWELL**  
Associated Press

**CINCINNATI (AP)** — A medical helicopter crashed Tuesday in a remote wooded area on its way to pick up a patient, killing all three crew members, authorities said.

Survival Flight medical transportation reported around 7:20 a.m. Tuesday losing communication with a helicopter flying from the Mount Carmel Hospital in Grove City to pick up a patient from a hospital in Pomeroy, the Ohio State Highway Patrol said.

Authorities located wreck-

age nearly three hours later in rugged terrain near the community of Zaleski, about 75 miles (120 kilometers) southeast of Columbus.

The helicopter broke apart in a remote area connected only by logging trails, said Highway Patrol Lt. Robert Sellers. Other state and local authorities helped at the crash site in Vinton County.

All three crew members were from Ohio: pilot Jennifer Topper, 34, of Sunbury and flight nurses Bradley Haynes, 48, of London and Rachel Cunningham, 33,

of Galloway.

"This is heartbreaking, especially when you have fellow first responders who are flying a mercy mission to help somebody else out," Sellers told reporters. There had been no reports of anyone else injured in the crash, Sellers said.

The helicopter was a Bell 407, Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Tony Molinaro said. The FAA and National Transportation Safety Board will have investigators at the scene, he said.

Andrew Arthurs, a Survival Flight vice president, said in



In this photo provided by the Ohio State Highway Patrol, authorities survey the scene of wreckage where a medical helicopter crashed in a remote wooded area in Brown Township, Ohio, on its way to pick up a patient, Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2019.

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a statement he was "deeply saddened" to share the news of "a heartbreaking event."

Michael Wilkins, president of Mount Carmel East, said

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## Utility bankruptcy could be costly to wildfire victims

By SUDHIN THANAWALA  
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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Faced with potentially ruinous lawsuits over California's recent wildfires, Pacific Gas & Electric Corp. filed for bankruptcy protection Tuesday in a move that could lead to higher bills for customers of the nation's biggest utility and reduce the size of any payouts to fire victims.

The Chapter 11 filing allows PG&E to continue operating while it puts its books in order. But it was seen as a possible glimpse of the financial toll that could lie ahead because of global warming, which scientists say is leading to fiercer, more destructive blazes and longer fire seasons.

The bankruptcy could also jeopardize California's ambitious program to switch entirely to renewable energy sources.

PG&E said the bankruptcy filing will not affect electricity or gas service and will allow for an "orderly, fair and expeditious resolution" of wildfire claims.

"Throughout this process, we are fully committed to enhancing our wildfire safety efforts, as well as helping restoration and rebuilding efforts across the communities impacted by the devastating Northern California wildfires," interim CEO John R. Simon said in a statement.

PG&E cited hundreds of lawsuits from victims of fires in 2017 and 2018 and tens of billions of dollars in potential liabilities when it announced earlier this month that it planned to file for bankruptcy.



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The blazes include the nation's deadliest wildfire in a century — the one in November that killed at least 86 people and destroyed 15,000 homes in Paradise and surrounding communities. The cause is under investigation, but suspicion fell on PG&E after it reported power line problems nearby around the time the fire broke out.

Last week, however, state investigators determined that the company's equipment was not to blame for a 2017 fire that killed 22 people in Northern California wine country.

The wildfire lawsuits accuse PG&E of inadequate maintenance, including not adequately trimming trees and clearing brush around electrical lines, and failing to shut off power when the fire risk is high.

The bankruptcy filing im-

mediately puts the lawsuits on hold and consolidates them in bankruptcy court, where legal experts say victims will probably receive less money.

"They're going to have to take some sort of haircut on their claims," said Jared Elias, a bankruptcy attorney who teaches at the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. "We don't know yet what that will be."

In a bankruptcy proceeding, the victims have little chance of getting punitive damages or taking their claims to a jury. They will also have to stand in line behind PG&E's secured creditors, such as banks, when a judge decides who gets paid and how much. But legal experts also noted that state officials will be involved in the bankruptcy, and that could soften the

blow to wildfire victims.

Gov. Gavin Newsom said in a statement that his administration will work to ensure that "Californians have access to safe, reliable and affordable service, that victims and employees are treated fairly, and that California continues to make forward progress on our climate change goals."

Legal experts said the bankruptcy will probably take years to resolve and result in higher rates for customers of PG&E, which provides natural gas and electricity to 16 million people in Northern and central California.

PG&E would not speculate about the effect on customers' bills, noting that the state Public Utilities Commission sets rates.

PG&E also filed for bankruptcy in 2001 during an electricity crisis marked by

rolling blackouts and the manipulation of the energy market. It emerged from bankruptcy three years later but obtained billions in higher payments from ratepayers.

California has set a goal of getting 100 percent of its electricity from carbon-free sources such as wind, solar and hydropower by 2045. To achieve that, utilities must switch to buying power from renewable sources. PG&E made agreements in 2017 to buy electricity from solar farms. But because of its bankruptcy, some experts have questioned its ability to pay what it agreed to, or to make the investments in grid upgrades and batteries necessary to bring more renewable energy online.

"PG&E's bankruptcy is going to make it a lot more costly for California to meet its environmental goals, and could make it more challenging just to get the infrastructure built to help cut emissions and increase renewable energy," said Travis Miller, an investment strategist at Morningstar Inc.

Consumer activist Erin Brockovich, who took on PG&E in the 1990s, had urged California lawmakers not to let the utility go into bankruptcy because it could mean less money for wildfire victims.

PG&E faced additional pressure not to seek bankruptcy after investigators said a private electrical system, not utility equipment, caused the 2017 wine country blaze that destroyed more than 5,600 buildings in Sonoma and Napa counties. □





In this image made from a pool Jan 14, 2019 video by KSTP-TV, Jake Thomas Patterson, 21, makes his initial court appearance via video feed from the Barron County jail during his bond hearing in Barron, Wis.

Associated Press

## Authorities examine cellphone of alleged Wisconsin kidnapper

**BARRON, Wis. (AP)** — Wisconsin authorities have examined call logs, photos and videos stored on the cellphone of the man accused of kidnapping a 13-year-old girl and killing her parents, according to court documents filed Tuesday.

The search warrant documents filed in Barron County Circuit Court don't reveal the nature of the photos and videos stored on the phone of 21-year-old Jake Patterson, who is charged with killing James and Denise Closs on Oct. 15 and kidnapping their daughter, Jayme Closs. But the documents said evidence on the phone could be used "to determine the chronological context" of what happened.

Jayme escaped from a cabin in Douglas County on Jan. 10 after 88 days in captivity and flagged down a woman for help. She was able to provide a description of the car Patterson was driving, and he was arrested minutes later. According to a search warrant affidavit, the red Ford Taurus Patterson was driving was taped up and taken to a secure evidence garage. The FBI's evidence response team searched the car the next day and found his cellphone on the front seat.

The phone was released to the Wisconsin Department

of Justice to be analyzed by someone trained in the forensic extraction of data. The documents said authorities were looking for a contact list, a log of incoming and outgoing calls and the dates and times of those calls, texts or other messages and social media communications. They were also seeking emails that were sent to or from the cellphone, evidence that would tell them where the phone was during their months-long investigation, and any pictures or videos on the device.

According to the criminal charges, Patterson told investigators he saw Jayme getting on a school bus near her home and decided to abduct her. The complaint said Patterson went to the Closs home Oct. 15 with the intention of abducting Jayme and with plans to kill if necessary. He allegedly told authorities he shot Jayme's father, James Closs, through the front door, then went inside and found Jayme and her mother huddled together in a bathtub. He shot Denise Closs, then dragged Jayme to a car, the complaint said.

He took her to his cabin near Gordon, a township of 645 people in thickly forested Douglas County, according to the complaint. His next court date is Feb. 6. □



This Nov. 21, 2018, file photo shows President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Palm Beach, Fla.

Associated Press

## Mar-a-Lago chef says harassment complaint cost him his job

By **BERNARD CONDON**  
AP Business Writer

A pastry chef is suing President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago club in Florida, alleging he was laid off in retaliation for trying to stop managers from sexually harassing women in the kitchen.

Former executive pastry chef Graham Randall says in the state lawsuit filed last week that he was laid off about six months after complaining to human resources that two top managers were sending lewd texts and engaging in other offensive behavior toward two women pastry chefs. The lawsuit against the Palm Beach club and the managers seeks more than \$15,000 in lost wages and damages.

Trump Organization spokeswoman Amanda Miller said the allegations were "completely without merit" and "we look forward to presenting the truth and defeating the ridiculous claims."

Randall said the club told him it couldn't afford to keep him on because too many charities had canceled events after Trump's comments blaming both sides in the 2017 racial violence in Charlottesville, Virginia.

But Randall said business had not suffered, as evidenced by all the special

visas requested by the club for foreign workers to fill jobs after he was laid off, including pastry chef jobs. Randall said he alerted human resources about the behavior after one of the women showed him lewd texts, including one asking her to show a man her breasts.

The lawsuit said the two managers were eventually reprimanded and that they even thanked Randall for saving their careers because he had told human resources that he believed their behavior seemed out of character.

Nonetheless, Randall was laid off in September 2017,

a month after Trump's comments about the Charlottesville riots that prompted the American Cancer Society and other major charities to cancel events at the club.

Just how Mar-a-Lago is faring is difficult to know because Trump's company is privately held and financial figures have not been released in any detail.

The club did think it was strong enough to double its membership fees to \$200,000 shortly after Trump was elected two years ago. And Mar-a-Lago has been on a hiring spree of foreign workers, as noted in the lawsuit. □

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# Former landscaper pleads guilty to 8 murders in Canada

BY ROB GILLIES

Associated Press

**TORONTO (AP)** — A former landscaper accused of sexually assaulting, killing and dismembering men he met in Toronto's Gay Village district over seven years pleaded guilty on Tuesday to eight counts of first-degree murder.

Bruce McArthur, wearing a black sweater, stood up and softly said "guilty" as each charge was read.

Police last year found the remains of seven of the men in large planters at a property where McArthur had worked and used as storage. The remains of the eighth victim were found in a ravine behind the same property in midtown Toronto.

The prosecutor, Michael Cantlon, said the cases ranging from 2010 to 2017 involved sexual assault or forcible confinement and said the bodies were hidden and dismembered. Several of the victims were apparently strangled.



In this courtroom sketch from left to right, defense lawyer James Miglin, Justice John McMahon, court registrar, Bruce McArthur, Crown Attorney Michael Cantlon, Detective Hank Idsinga, and friends and family of victims, back right, appear in court in Toronto on Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2019.

Associated Press

Sentencing and victim impact statements are to start Feb. 4.

McArthur, now 67, moved to the Toronto area around 2000 and previously lived in a suburb where he was

married, raised two children and worked as a traveling salesman of underwear and socks.

His landscaping business was small, but he periodically hired workers,

including a 40-year-old man who disappeared in 2010.

Police set up two special task forces to look into the disappearances of men in the Gay Village area of

Toronto after some went missing.

The alleged victims fit a pattern: Most were of Middle Eastern or South Asian descent and lived on the margins of Canadian society, their disappearances attracting little attention.

One victim hid the fact that he was gay from his Muslim family. Another was a recent immigrant with a drug problem. Another alleged victim was homeless, smoked crack cocaine and worked as a prostitute.

But then Andrew Kinsman vanished. The 49-year-old LGBTQ activist and former bartender in Toronto had many friends. When he suddenly went missing the day after Toronto's gay pride parade, his friends noticed quickly, and so did the police. Police set up second special task force to look into the disappearances of men in the Gay Village shortly after Kinsman went missing. □

# Dutch coalition brokers deal over young migrants

By MIKE CORDER

Associated Press

**THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP)** — Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte's four-party ruling coalition brokered a compromise late Tuesday over the politically sensitive issue of whether hundreds of young migrants should be allowed to remain in the country.

A dispute about what to do with children who have been in the Netherlands for so long during the asylum process that they often have put down roots had pitted Rutte's center-right People's Party for Freedom and Democracy against three junior coalition partners.

The smaller three coalition parties wanted a more generous approach to such cases and an end to deportations until a commission investigating the issue publishes its findings later this year.

At a news conference late Tuesday, Migration Minister



In this Thursday, March 16, 2017 file photo Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte, Geert Wilders and Emile Roemer talk during a meeting of party leaders with the chairwoman of the parliament to discuss first steps in forming a new dutch coalition government in The Hague, Netherlands.

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Mark Harbers said that under the deal, the cases of many children whose applications were rejected will be reviewed again. Dutch media reported that about 700 children will be

affected.

"The expectation is that a large number of the rejected children will be eligible" for a residency permit, Harbers said.

As part of the deal, immi-

gration authorities also will be given more resources to speed up asylum applications, the migration minister will lose his discretionary power to grant residency permits in exceptional cir-

cumstances and the Dutch government will cut the number of refugees it voluntarily houses under a U.N. program from 750 per year to 500.

The issue has parallels with the political wrangling in the United States over the status of so-called dreamers — the name given by some to people who were brought to the U.S. illegally as children or came with families who overstayed visas.

A Dutch policy widely known as the "children's pardon" that was introduced in 2013 grants asylum to children who have been in the country for more than five years while their asylum applications are processed — if they meet certain criteria. However children's advocates say that very few youngsters were eligible.

Harbers said that the policy will be scrapped after the current cases are reviewed. □





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## Ukraine's president announces re-election bid for March vote

By YURAS KARMANAU  
Associated Press

**KIEV, Ukraine (AP)** — Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has launched his campaign for re-election in March's vote, which promises to be a bitter contest between him and a former prime minister.

Addressing supporters Tuesday in the capital of Kiev, Poroshenko said he hoped that Ukraine will push on with efforts to join both the European Union and NATO if he were to win another five-year term.

"We have to safeguard (Ukraine's) integration with

the European Union and NATO," he said. "We must not stop half-way there."

The country's prime minister, speaker of the parliament and the chief prosecutor all attended the gathering to back Poroshenko's bid.

Poroshenko's main rival, former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko, entered the race last week, promising to regain control of the Russian-annexed Crimean Peninsula and the separatist-held areas in the east. She accused Poroshenko and his associates of profiting from the ongoing separatist conflict there



Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko gestures while speaking at a meeting with supporters in Kiev, Ukraine, Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2019.

Associated Press

between the Ukrainian government and Russia-backed rebels.

Opinion polls have shown Poroshenko trailing Tymoshenko, who served as prime

minister from 2007-2010. Some have even put comedian Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who played the nation's president in a popular TV series, in dead heat with Poroshenko in the March 31 presidential vote.

Tymoshenko fired another broadside at the president on Tuesday, slamming him for turning a blind eye to official corruption.

"Corruption has engulfed the entire country, and it hinges upon incumbent President Poroshenko," she said. "He will bear responsibility for destroying the country for five years." □

## 17 on trial in deadly Tunisian beach attack on UK tourists

By BOUAZZA BEN BOUAZZA  
TUNIS, Tunisia (AP)

— Seventeen people went on trial Tuesday over Tunisia's deadliest extremist attack, a massacre at a Mediterranean resort in 2015 that killed 38 people, most of them British tourists.

The judge read out a report detailing what happened on June 26, 2015, in the coastal city of Sousse: How attacker Aymen Rezgui walked onto the beach of the Imperial Hotel and used an assault rifle to shoot at tourists in lounge chairs, then continued onto the hotel pool before throwing a grenade into the hotel.

Rezgui, a Tunisian student who trained with Libyan militants, was killed about 15 minutes later by police, the judge said. The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attack. Rezgui's autopsy showed



People walk in front of the Tunis Palace of Justice in Tunis, Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2019.

Associated Press

he was under the effect of an illegal drug as well as medications, according to the judge.

The trial has been postponed several times at the lawyers' request. It reopened Tuesday in Tunis, more than 3-1/2 years after the attack.

All the defendants deny any direct role in the attack.

Some of the defendants face potential capital punishment for charges of premeditated murder, threatening state security and belonging to a terrorist-linked group.

Some of those who testified acknowledged ties to the man considered the orchestrator of the attack, Chamseddine Sandi, saying he asked them to clear out the area ahead of time. One said he sent Sandi photos via the internet of potential targets, including foreign businesses based in Tunis.

Defendant Mahmoud Kachouri said he was a classmate of Rezgui's and they used to have coffee together. Still he insisted "he never talked to me about the operation he was planning."

The 17 on trial are among some 40 people overall suspected of involvement in the attack, according to defense lawyer Hanene Khemiri. They include six security agents who are accused of failing to prevent or stop the attack.

Khemiri said some of the defendants were tortured by police.

In addition to the massacre at the beach resort, Tunisia suffered two other major attacks in 2015. At the famed Bardo Museum, 22 people were killed by extremists while 12 perished in the center of Tunis on a bus carrying presidential guards.

The Islamic State group also claimed responsibility for those attacks, which, along with the attack at the Imperial Hotel, devastated the country's tourism sector as travel agencies pulled out and governments issued travel warnings.

Tourism has since partially bounced back after Tunisia's government implemented a series of measures aimed at securing popular destinations in the country. □



# Pakistan upholds acquittal of woman in blasphemy case

**ISLAMABAD (AP)** — Pakistan's top court on Tuesday upheld its acquittal of a Christian woman who spent eight years on death row after being convicted of blasphemy, dealing a blow to radical Islamists who had staged violent mass protests last year calling for her execution.

Aasia Bibi watched from a secret location as the decision was announced on television, according to a friend who was on the phone with her at the time. He said Bibi's first thought upon hearing the news was that she would soon be able to join her daughters in Canada, where they have been granted asylum.

The friend spoke on condition of anonymity out of fear for his safety. Bibi, her lawyer and the Supreme Court judges who eventually freed her have all received death threats from radical Islamists, and a small army of police and paramilitary Rangers was on hand to guard the courthouse and surrounding area on Tuesday.

Blasphemy is punishable by death in Pakistan, and the



Pakistani troops surround the Supreme Court building as security is beefed up during the hearing of blasphemy case against Pakistani Christian woman Aasia Bibi, in Islamabad, Pakistan, Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2019.

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mere accusation can spark mob violence and lynchings. A provincial governor who defended Bibi was shot and killed, as was a government minority minister who questioned the blasphemy law.

Thousands of Islamists took to the streets and clashed

with police after Bibi's initial acquittal on Oct. 31, but there were no such protests this time, perhaps because of the heightened security presence and a nationwide police sweep that arrested hundreds of supporters of radical religious parties from their homes on

Monday.

Since her acquittal, Bibi has lived in hiding at an undisclosed location protected by Pakistani security forces who have kept her confined to her quarters, unable to even open a window. She speaks daily to her daughters in Canada, and worries about her 19-year-old, who has learning challenges, the friend said.

"I am really grateful to everybody. Now after nine years it is confirmed that I am free and I will be going to hug my daughters," he quoted Bibi as saying after the ruling was announced. Bibi's lawyer, Saiful Malook, who returned to Islamabad for the hearing after fleeing the country amid death threats, called the decision a victory for Pakistan's constitution and rule of law. The three-judge Supreme Court panel had "insisted on very strict proofs of blasphemy" and found none, Malook said, expressing hope that Bibi's acquittal would deter false allegations.

"This case is a milestone for Pakistan, given that the law is often unkind to religious minorities," said Michael Kugelman, deputy director of the Asia Program at the Washington-based Wilson Center. He cautioned that

Pakistan's courts are still susceptible to political pressure, but said the Supreme Court's actions represented a "legal watershed."

The court did not question the blasphemy law itself, which critics say is often used to settle scores or intimidate followers of minority religions, including Shiite Muslims.

Bibi's ordeal began on a hot day in 2009 when she brought water to fellow farmhands who refused to drink from the same container as a Christian woman. Two of her fellow farmworkers argued with Bibi and later accused her of insulting Islam's Prophet Muhammad. Bibi, who has always denied the allegations, was sentenced to death the following year.

Pakistan's Chief Justice Asif Saeed Khan Khosa, who led the panel that upheld Bibi's acquittal, said in court that Bibi's accusers were guilty of perjury and that if the case had not been so sensitive, they should have been jailed for life.

"The image of Islam we are showing to the world gives me much grief and sorrow," Khosa said.

Much of the evidence presented against Bibi was suspicious, and some of it appeared to be fabricated, he said, adding that the cleric who lodged the initial charge of blasphemy gave contradictory statements that were unchallenged in the trial. Ghulam Mustafa Chaudhry, the lawyer representing the cleric who petitioned for a review of the sentence, denied that any witnesses had given false testimony.

Following Bibi's initial acquittal, radical religious parties took to the streets in mass protests, calling for the killing of the judges behind the ruling and for the overthrow of Prime Minister Imran Khan's government. They also filed the last-minute appeal for a review of the acquittal. The protests were spearheaded by the radical Tehreek-e-Labbaik party, whose single point agenda is protection of Islam and the Prophet Muhammad. □

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## Lawyers march in Zimbabwe capital alleging denial of justice

By FARAI MUTSAKA

Associated Press

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP)

— Lawyers in Zimbabwe marched on the constitutional court on Tuesday to protest the alleged denial of justice for hundreds of people arrested in a violent crackdown on protests that shut down the country.

Police said more than 1,000 people have been arrested over the protests against a sharp rise in fuel prices that began two weeks ago. Lawyers say many are languishing in jail after being denied bail while others have been forced into unfair hearings across the country.

A prominent pastor and activist charged with subversion and accused of inciting the protests, Evan Mawarire, was granted bail after more than a week in detention. He could face 20 years in prison. His lawyer rejects the allegations against him.

Japhet Moyo, secretary-general of the Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions, also is charged with subversion. He remained in detention.

Human rights lawyer Beatrice Mtetwa described the



Zimbabwe lawyers take part in a protest over rule of law concerns in Harare, Tuesday Jan. 29, 2018.

Associated Press

judiciary's actions as "well-coordinated" to punish suspects.

Dozens of gown-wearing lawyers marched in the capital, Harare, as riot police watched. "Liberate the courts from the army," one of the lawyers' signs read. "No to command justice," read another.

Some lawyers gagged their mouths with pieces of pa-

per inscribed with the word "injustice."

The lawyers petitioned Zimbabwe's chief justice, Luke Malaba, saying that "it has become commonplace to hear of denial of basic fundamental rights and freedoms of those arrested and suspected of having participated in the protests."

The lawyers asserted that abuses by the military and

police include abductions of suspects or close relatives, the assault and torture of suspects to induce confessions, the denial of treatment for tortured suspects.

Later in the day, Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights said lawmaker and national opposition figure Amos Chibaya was rearrested shortly after being freed

on bail on public violence charges and will now face a subversion charge.

"Zimbabwe is certainly a country in its own league," the lawyers' group said on Twitter.

The American Bar Association said it was "deeply concerned" about the unrest in Zimbabwe.

"Credible reports indicate that many of those arrested are being tried in groups of 50 or more and are being denied the right to bail and to effectively consult their lawyers," ABA president Bob Carlson said in a statement.

"In some instances, lawyers reportedly have not been informed of the charges against their clients in advance, and it is unclear whether individualized proof of guilt is being required in these deeply flawed proceedings."

Reports of alleged abuses by security forces continued, with the military heavily deployed in poor and working-class suburbs. Doctors and others have reported at least 12 deaths in the crackdown and more than 300 people wounded, scores with gunshot wounds. □

## China questions warning to Duke students to use English

BEIJING (AP) — China on Tuesday questioned the appropriateness of an email sent by a Duke University medical school administrator warning Chinese students to speak in English. Asked about the controversy, foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang compared it to a Chinese university demanding that English-speaking students talk only in Chinese.

"If a Chinese university re-

quired that American students not use English to communicate, I think this would not be normal," Geng said at a daily briefing.

Duke University in North Carolina moved quickly to offer apologies, launch an investigation and reassure a core group of graduate scholars after the email raised an outcry at home and abroad. The story drew thousands of com-

ments in China on social media. Some called it racial discrimination and said Chinese universities should ban speaking English, while a few said it was not a big deal. The administrator's message came at a time when elite U.S. universities are trying to remain attractive to top international students despite negative rhetoric toward foreigners by President Donald Trump and other politicians. □

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# Venezuela prosecutor moves on popular opposition leader

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)** — Venezuela's chief prosecutor on Tuesday asked the country's top court to ban opposition leader Juan Guaido from leaving the country, launching a criminal probe into his anti-government activities while international pressure builds against President Nicolas Maduro.

Attorney General Tarek William Saab made his request to the government-stacked Supreme Court, and also asked it to block Guaido's financial accounts.

Saab didn't specify what crimes Guaido is being investigated for, but said the probe is tied to unrest sparked by his decision to declare himself interim president last week in a direct challenge to Maduro's authority.

Guaido said outside the National Assembly building that he's aware of personal risks, but added, "Venezuela is set on change, and the world is clearly conscious of what's happening."



Venezuela's Attorney General Tarek William Saab, center, arrives to the Supreme Court, in Caracas, Venezuela, Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2019.

Associated Press

"I don't underestimate the threat of persecution at the moment," he added, "but here we are."

While rights monitors say hundreds of demonstrators have been arrested in recent days, Guaido has

so far avoided arrest, while making occasional and brief public appearances. U.S. National Security Adviser John Bolton has warned that any harm to Guaido or the National Assembly he presides over would be

considered a "grave assault" and be met with a "significant response," without specifying.

Opening a case against Guaido comes as international pressure mounts against Maduro's gov-

ernment from the United States, which earlier in the day handed control over Venezuela's U.S. bank accounts to Guaido. Russia announced it expects Venezuela to have problems paying its debts.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo certified that Guaido, the congressional leader who has declared himself interim president, has authority to take control of bank accounts that Venezuela's government has in the Federal Reserve Bank of New York or any other U.S.-insured banks.

Pompeo said the certification will "help Venezuela's legitimate government safeguard those assets for the benefit of the Venezuelan people."

Guaido has been recognized as the nation's rightful leader by two dozen nations that contend the re-election of socialist President Nicolas Maduro was a sham, in part because his strongest opponents were barred from running. □

# Dam workers arrested, families bury dead in Brazil disaster

By **MARCELO SILVA DE SOUSA**

**PETER PRENGAMAN**

**BRUMADINHO, Brazil (AP)**

— Brazilian authorities arrested five people Tuesday in connection with a dam collapse that killed at least 65 people and left nearly 300 missing as it plastered part of a small city with reddish-brown mud and iron ore mining waste.

The arrests were made in Sao Paulo and in the state of Minas Gerais, where the collapse happened last Friday. They came as rescue crews began a fifth day searching for survivors or bodies, and some families began burying their dead.

Three of the arrested worked for Vale SA, the mining company that owned and operated the waste dam that collapsed, according to the company. In a statement, Vale said it was cooperating with authorities in the investigation. A German company that has inspected the dam said two of its employees



Friends and relatives attend the burial of Vale SA employee Edgar Carvalho Santos, victim of the collapsed dam in Brumadinho, Brazil, Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2019.

Associated Press

were arrested. The Munich-based TUEV company Sued declined to specify whether the arrested staff were from its German headquarters or its Brazilian branch. In ordering the arrests, Minas Gerais judge Perla

Saliba Brito wrote that the disaster could have been avoided.

It's not believable that "dams of such magnitude, run by one of the largest mining companies in the world, would break sud-

denly without any indication of vulnerability," the judge wrote in the decision, according to news portal UOL.

Authorities said the five will be detained for 30 days while officials investigate

possible criminal responsibility.

Meanwhile Tuesday, at a cemetery in the small Brazilian city of Brumadinho, 15 freshly dug graves awaited the remains of some of those killed.

Wailing in grief at the cemetery was the wife of Edgar Carvalho Santos, one of the mining company's workers whose body has been found.

"He did not deserve this, he did not deserve it!" she sobbed.

Friends and family members prevented reporters from approaching the woman.

One woman told Santos' wife that "this was not a tragedy, it's a crime." It was a sign of the growing anger at Vale over the disaster.

The company is one of Brazil's largest and a key employer in Brumadinho, but many residents have complained that a siren that should have gone off to warn people to evacuate never sounded. □



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guages: English, Dutch, German, French, Italian, Spanish and Papiamentu, meaning she can attend to almost any tourist from all over the world. "You can come in without an appointment and we have an emergency number that works 24/7, if necessary I will visit the patient where he/she is staying. We attend patients every day!" Her philosophy is as follows: As long as you enjoy what you are doing and like to help people, this profession is very rewarding." It sounds like the perfect place to heal.



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Ms. Richardson together with the representatives of the Aruba Beach Club presented the certificate to the honorees, and also handed over some presents and thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination and as their home away from home. □





## When strangers become friends

ORANJESTAD — Aruba Today would like to share with you a story send to us by Lucia Brienza, a loyal visitor of our island and her group of 36 friends that have been coming to our Aruba for a long time.

It all started 28 years ago at a low rise hotel. Strangers with something in common. They are all in the lawn Sprinkler business, but it's everything but business when they are here. The group moved from the low rise hotel to Allegro Hotel and settled there for a few years. When Marriott Surf Club started with the groundbreaking of their hotel the majority of the group decided to buy a share at the Marriott Surf Club. Things truly changed during these past 28 years, some came along and sadly they have also lost a few due to illness. One of their friends passed away and his wife actually brought his ashes with her. They enjoy doing lots of activities together such as golf, diving, karaoke and so much more. When the sun goes down everyone goes in different directions trying new places or just relax at their favorite place. You will certainly find Lucia and her husband grilling, frying and searing some fresh fish that they buy down by the docks. The ladies got new floats this year and they are looking forward to the wonderful massages and the experience of the beautiful sunset cruise. It doesn't take much to keep them happy, the casino, music, good food and the friendly people of Aruba is all it takes.

The island has gone through major changes throughout these 28 years but for them Aruba has it all and there is no better place to celebrate life than this beautiful island their proudly call their home. The love and respect they all have towards each other is what makes them more like family.

Thank you Lucia Brienza for sharing your story with us and showing off your love for our island. ☐





## Today's Happening



## A weekly calendar with a selection of what's going on in Aruba



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# SPORTS



In this Sept. 1, 2003, file photo, Adam Scott, of Australia, holds the trophy after winning the Deutsche Bank Championship golf tournament in Norton, Mass.

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## Justin Rose, Adam Scott hit \$50M milestone together

By DOUG FERGUSON  
AP Golf Writer

**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — Justin Rose won at Torrey Pines. Adam Scott challenged him to the final hole. And thanks to that 1-2 finish at the Farmers Insurance Open, both surpassed \$50 million in career earnings on the PGA Tour.

It's a feat achieved by only five other players. These days, it's little more than a monetary milestone. But it was fitting they did it together.

Born 14 days apart in July 1980, they have been great friends since they tussled in South Africa at the Alfred Dunhill Championship in January 2001. Both were 20. Scott made a 4-foot birdie putt on the last hole to beat Rose and win for the first time as a pro. Oddly enough — or maybe not — Rose won his first professional title a year later in the same tournament.

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## LUCKY DEVILS



## Devils rout Penguins; pick up rare road win

New Jersey Devils' Travis Zajac (19) celebrates his goal during the first period of an NHL hockey game against the Pittsburgh Penguins in Pittsburgh, Monday, Jan. 28, 2019.

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# Warriors win 11th straight, cap perfect trip in Indiana

**By The Associated Press**  
**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)** — Stephen Curry scored 23 of his 26 points in the first half, DeMarcus Cousins added 22 and the Golden State Warriors extended the league's longest winning streak this season to 11 with a 132-100 rout of the Indiana Pacers on Monday night. Kevin Durant had 16 points for the Warriors, who have won a league-best 10 consecutive road games and got their first sweep on a five-game road trip since November 2014. And Draymond Green didn't even play.

Myles Turner scored 16 points and Bojan Bogdanovic had 15 but Indiana dropped its second straight since losing All-Star guard Victor Oladipo to a season-ending knee injury. The Pacers also played without Tyreke Evans, Oladipo's replacement, because of a sore back.

But even at full strength, the Pacers would have had difficulty weathering the Warriors' flurry.

Curry scored eight straight to break a 16-16 tie midway through the first quarter and Golden State never looked back. The Warriors closed the quarter on a 24-6 run to make it 40-22 against the league's top scoring defense.

**NUGGETS 95, GRIZZLIES 92**  
**MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)** — Nikola Jokic scored 24 points and made a go-ahead basket with 28.9 seconds left, and Denver overcame a 25-point, second-half deficit to beat Memphis.

Will Barton's 3-pointer with 43 seconds remaining gave the Nuggets their first lead of the game at 91-89. After a 3-pointer from Memphis' Justin Holiday, Jokic scored inside to put Denver ahead to stay.

Malik Beasley had 18 points, 13 in the fourth quarter to key Denver's rally. Barton had 20 points, and the Nuggets moved to 34-15, the best start in franchise history.

Marc Gasol led Memphis with 28 points and nine rebounds, and Mike Conley had 23 points and 11 assists. It was the largest deficit that Denver has overcome this season.

## CELTICS 112, NETS 104

**BOSTON (AP)** — Jaylen Brown and Marcus Smart each scored 21 points, and Boston beat Brooklyn to snap the injury-riddled Nets' six-game winning streak. Aron Baynes had 16 points, Marcus Morris 15, and Al Horford and Terry Rozier each had 14 for Boston, which tied a franchise record with 16 blocked shots and won for the sixth time in seven games. Horford had 11 rebounds.

The Celtics played without star guard Kyrie Irving, who was sidelined with a sore left hip.

D'Angelo Russell led the Nets with 25 points and Shabazz Napier had 20. Brooklyn had won 19 of its previous 24 games.

## HORNETS 101, KNICKS 92

**CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)** — Kemba Walker and Tony Parker each had 15 points, Malik Monk had four clutch 3-pointers in the fourth quarter and Charlotte handed New York its 10th straight loss.

Monk scored 12 of his 14 points in the fourth quarter to help ignite a 17-1 run as Charlotte improved to 17-8 at home.

Kevin Knox had 19 points and Tim Hardaway Jr. 17 for the struggling Knicks, who have won one game since beating the Hornets on Dec. 14.

## HAWKS 123, CLIPPERS 118

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Trae Young scored 26 points, John Collins added 22 and

Atlanta beat Los Angeles for the first time in nearly three years.

Atlanta had lost five in a row to the Clippers dating to March 5, 2016. The Hawks earned their first win against a Pacific Division opponent this season after dropping their first five.

Alex Len had 19 points and nine rebounds off the bench for the Hawks.

Tobias Harris scored 30 points for the Clippers, whose three-game winning streak ended on the second night of a back-to-back. Lou Williams finished with 21 points and nine assists, and Montrezl Harrell had 18 points. □



Golden State Warriors center DeMarcus Cousins (0) is wrapped up from behind by Indiana Pacers center Myles Turner (33) as he collides with Pacers guard Edmond Sumner (5) during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Indianapolis, Monday, Jan. 28, 2019.

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## Devils pick up rare road win in 6-3 rout of sliding Penguins

By WILL GRAVES  
AP Sports Writer

**PITTSBURGH (AP)** — Nothing has come easy this season for the New Jersey Devils. Except, that is, when they play the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Then, the power play clicks. The penalty kill, too. The goals they've struggled to score all season come in bunches. Throw in Keith Kinkaid's steady play in net and the gear New Jersey has been unable to find much of the year suddenly reappears when Pittsburgh is on the other side of the ice.

"It's just one of those things," Kinkaid said. "I guess we match up well against them. We always have our A game."

Travis Zajac had a goal and three assists, Kinkaid made 37 saves and the Devils had little trouble in a 6-3 victory over Pittsburgh on Monday night to improve to 6-0-1 in their last seven meetings



New Jersey Devils' Travis Zajac (19) celebrates his goal during the first period of an NHL hockey game against the Pittsburgh Penguins in Pittsburgh, Monday, Jan. 28, 2019.

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with the Penguins. New Jersey has drilled Pittsburgh in each of their three meet-

ings this season, outscoring the Penguins 15-5 in the process.

"Everyone looked fresh," Kinkaid said. "Everyone was moving. Everybody was flying out there and playing good defensively. The PK was solid, our special teams were solid. We just have to be consistent and that starts from me out to consistency the rest of the way."

Pavel Zacha, Damon Severson, Brian Boyle, Blake Coleman and Kyle Palmieri also scored as New Jersey snapped a three-game skid. The NHL's worst road team improved to 6-17-3 away from home. Two of those wins have come at the expense of Pittsburgh, which has dropped four of five overall and looked a step slow following a nine-day break.

Derick Brassard got his ninth goal for Pittsburgh before being ejected in the third period for elbowing. Matt Cullen and Bryan Rust added late goals after the game was decided. Matt

Murray allowed six goals on 32 shots and the Penguins gave up their league-leading 11th short-handed goal of the season.

"I think they've just out-worked us, plain and simple," said Pittsburgh captain Sidney Crosby, held scoreless two days after winning the MVP award at the All-Star Game. "You look at the games, they've worked harder, they've deserved it. As disappointing as that is and as much as you don't like saying that, it's the truth."

Pittsburgh limped into the All-Star break following a 2-3 West Coast trip, each loss coming in a game in which they surrendered at least five goals thanks in large part to sloppy play in front of the net.

A chance to reset at home against a team well off the pace in the crowded Eastern Conference playoff picture didn't exactly go as planned. □



Los Angeles Kings center Anze Kopitar, second from left, celebrates his goal with defenseman Jake Muzzin, left, and left wing Alex Iafallo, second from right, as St. Louis Blues defenseman Carl Gunnarsson skates by during the second period of an NHL hockey game Monday, Jan. 21, 2019, in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — The Toronto Maple Leafs acquired defenseman Jake Muzzin from the Los Angeles Kings on Monday night for a first-round pick and two prospects, bolstering

their blue line with a Stanley Cup-winning veteran. Los Angeles gets forward Carl Grundstrom and the rights to unsigned defenseman Sean Durzi in the deal, along with a first-round pick

## Maple Leafs acquire defenseman Muzzin in trade with Kings

in 2019.

Muzzin is a steady veteran defenseman signed through next season at a salary cap hit of \$4 million. The blue line has been Toronto's biggest weakness this season, and Muzzin could be a top-four defenseman for the Leafs, perhaps fitting in their top pairing with Morgan Rielly.

"The key is his ability to play at the top end of our defense, play in all situations, play against the other team's top players," Toronto general manager Kyle Dubas said. "He's proven himself over a good career now to be able to move

the puck, to excel at playing against high-quality competition and to contribute offensively."

The 29-year-old Muzzin has four goals and 17 assists in 50 games this season, struggling at times along with his teammates in the last-place Kings' miserable year.

"I was a little shocked to get the phone call," Muzzin said. "You hear rumblings and rumors and stuff like that and you just continue on with your ways until it actually happens and everything sinks in. Very excited to join Toronto."

His departure is the biggest

sign yet that general manager Rob Blake is willing to reboot the roster of a club with just one playoff victory in the past four seasons since its second Stanley Cup title.

The Kings (20-26-4) sit last in the Western Conference with 44 points from 50 games.

"I think we're in a position where we're looking up every day at the standings," Blake said. "We're not happy about where we are. We're not comfortable with where we are, and now we have to make decisions for the best of the organization going forward." □



## \$50M MILESTONE

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What makes the timing so appropriate that both joined the \$50 million club on the same day is that their PGA Tour careers effectively began together, with a little help from the men who now run the PGA Tour (commissioner Jay Monahan) and the PGA of America (chief executive Seth Waugh).

Go back to a rainy Labor Day in 2003 on the TPC Boston to find Scott closing with a 66 for a four-shot victory in the inaugural Deutsche Bank Championship, which had given him a sponsor exemption. The victory gave him instant PGA Tour membership. Rose also was given an exemption, shot 67 in the final round and finished third. He earned \$340,000 that day, giving him enough money to earn a tour card.

Waugh at the time was CEO of Deutsche Bank Americas, the title sponsor of a new tournament that had the Tiger Woods Foundation as the charitable arm. Monahan was hired as the tournament director. "We gave them both exemptions," Waugh said Tuesday from Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he was caddying for his son in a PGA Tour Latinoamerica qualifying tournament. "Adam was pretty obvious. Jay called me and said, 'Let's talk about exemptions,' which I'd never done."

Monahan mentioned using a special exemption for international players on an English kid who had had a

good British Open, turned pro and missed 20 consecutive cuts before getting his career on track. Waugh already was aware he was talking about Rose, who had won on three tours (Europe, South Africa, Japan) the previous year.

And then Waugh really got to know him.

"We get to the pro-am draw party Wednesday night at the statehouse in Boston," Waugh said. "It was a formal deal. Mitt Romney was the governor, and we're all giving our suit speeches. There's this tall kid by the seafood bar eating shrimp and looking lonely. I walk up to him and said: 'How are you doing? Are you Justin Rose?' I said, 'What are you doing here?'"

"He said Deutsche Bank was nice enough to give him an exemption and he thought he would come up and thank somebody," Waugh said. "He was staying all the way in Providence. I said, 'You just did.' But that's Justin. No agent, nobody telling him what to do. He ended finishing third. And the rest is history." The history between Scott and Rose was just getting started.

They have piled up victories around the world, amassing long streaks of winning. Scott went 14 consecutive years with at least one victory worldwide and has 27 for his career. Rose won Sunday for the 22nd time worldwide, extending his streak to 10 consecutive years with at least one victory, including his gold medal at the Rio de Janeiro Olympics.



In this July 18, 2014, file photo, Adam Scott, of Australia, watches his shot off the first tee with Justin Rose, of England, during the second day of the British Open Golf championship at the Royal Liverpool golf club, Hoylake, England.

Associated Press

They now are neighbors at Albany in the Bahamas, both married with two children.

They each have won one major, which they won consecutively.

Scott finally delivered Australia a green jacket when he won the 2013 Masters. Rose sent him a text message of congratulations, which prompted this famous reply from Scott: "This is our time."

Two months later, Rose won the U.S. Open at Merion.

He had practiced the week before the Masters with Scott in the Bahamas, even played a couple of rounds together.

"I took his money both times," Rose said.

And then Scott won the Masters, which made the text exchange really hit home.

Indeed, it was their time, and they kept going. Scott reached No. 1 in the world in the spring of 2014. Rose reached No. 1 in the world late last summer, and the

Englishman extended his lead atop the world ranking with his two-shot victory at Torrey Pines.

Waugh still thinks about that Monday afternoon at the TPC Boston, where Scott and Rose spent the entire week together, at restaurants and on the leaderboard. They have won so much and done so well that money doesn't define them.

In this case, it was simply a reminder of where it all began. □

## Back from lifetime ban, Mejia gets minors deal with Red Sox

BOSTON (AP) — Relief pitcher Jenrry Mejia, allowed back into baseball after a lifetime ban caused by three positive drug tests, has agreed to a minor league contract with the Boston Red Sox.

If added to the 40-man roster, the 29-year-old Dominican right-hander would receive a one-year contract at a rate of \$625,000 while in the major leagues and \$90,400 while in the minors. Mejia was suspended for life on Feb. 12, 2016, after

his third positive test for a banned steroid. The drug agreement allowed him to apply a year later for reinstatement that would be effective a minimum of two years after the ban started, with the decision at the commissioner's discretion. Commissioner Rob Manfred gave him conditional reinstatement last July 6 and said Mejia could return to the big leagues in 2019. Amid another slow free agent market, Mejia's deal was immediately panned

by fans and at least one big leaguer.

"How's my offseason going? This guy had a lifetime ban and still signed before me!!!" tweeted free agent reliever Peter Moylan.

Boston closer Craig Kimbrel became a free agent and the Red Sox are reorganizing their bullpen. Mejia will report to Boston's minor league spring training camp. He's been out of the majors since July 2015.

The New York Mets released Mejia on Nov. 20

rather than allow him to become eligible for salary arbitration. Mejia has four years, 140 days of major league service, and the Mets could have tried to cut his salary to \$1,383,200 had he remained on the roster.

Mejia was the Mets' closer in 2014 and was suspended for 80 games on April 11, 2015, following a positive test for Stanozolol, a drug popular among bodybuilders. At the time, he maintained, "I can honestly

say I have no idea how a banned substance ended up in my system."

Mejia returned on July 12, appeared in seven games for New York, then was banned for 162 games on July 28 after a positive test for Stanozolol and Boldenone. The third suspension was for a positive test for Boldenone, an anabolic steroid generally used by veterinarians on horses.

Mejia is 9-14 with a 3.68 ERA in 18 starts and 95 relief appearances. □



# AP Exclusive: NFL centers seeing shorter career longevity

By **MARK LONG**  
AP Sports Writer

**ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)** — Pro Bowl center Alex Mack rattled off all he does before the snap: Checks for blitzes, keeps an eye on the play clock, makes blocking adjustments and communicates all the changes to everyone else.

All that happens in seconds — with 300-pound defenders a few inches away and ready to pounce.

"It's unlike anything else in football," the Atlanta Falcons standout said.

Some might argue the center is the most indispensable player on the roster — the player who mans the only position guaranteed to touch the ball on every play. He calls the shots for the offensive line and begins each play.

But an Associated Press analysis revealed that despite their unique skill set, it was centers — not running backs, linebackers or defensive backs — who were becoming more endangered more quickly than players at any other position. In 2009, the average center had six years in the league. This season, the average center had four years of experience.

"Really? That's shocking," Mack said. "I guess, technically, it's the last spot for the O-line. If you're a tackle who can't play in space, they move you to guard. If you're a guard that's hav-



In this Dec. 2, 2018, file photo, Atlanta Falcons center Alex Mack (51) prepares to work against the Baltimore Ravens during the second half of an NFL football game in Atlanta.

Associated Press

ing trouble, they move you to center. Oftentimes center is the position that can get the most help. A lot of the blocks are double-teams, so you're not put on an island nearly as much, so it's always a position that you can try to improve."

Most teams have in recent years, too.

Thirty-eight centers have been drafted over the last five years, and none of them has made a Pro Bowl. Sixteen of those have been taken in the first three rounds of the NFL draft.

It helps explain why the experience of the average center has fallen. While every position outside of quarterback, kicker and punter

has seen a decline, no position sees this sharp a drop-off in the AP survey.

"It's one of those tough, nasty, gritty positions that you have to just keep fighting at, and kids nowadays just aren't quite the same," said retired NFL center Brad Meester, a 14-year starter for the Jacksonville Jaguars. "Even at the high school level, those kids are getting harder and harder to find anymore."

"They're just not the same as they were years ago. I don't know if that's been part of the reason play has gone down and we're seeing this dip in longevity, but it could be."

Since centers are typically

the smallest offensive linemen in college, Mack and Meester believe some undersized guys have trouble making the NFL jump — especially with defensive linemen getting bigger, faster and stronger each year.

"In college, if you have a guy who's big enough to play in the NFL, he's probably playing tackle or guard," Meester said. "He might get moved to center at the next level, and then you end up with centers that are a little raw going into the NFL."

That's exactly what happened to Chicago Bears Pro Bowl center Cody Whitehair, who started his college career as a guard

and moved to left tackle as a senior at Kansas State. The Bears drafted him in the second round in 2016 and then moved him to center a week before his rookie year.

"It's hard to transition into the NFL," Whitehair said. "It definitely takes a special breed to come in out of college and be ready to start on the offensive line, especially at center."

Still, Whitehair was surprised to learn that the longevity of centers isn't what is used to be. He said it could be that centers are asked to do so much more in the NFL than in college, where more prevalent spread systems often take their cues from the sideline inside of adjusting on the fly.

But Whitehair pointed to Mack (10th season), New Orleans' Max Unger (10th), Philadelphia's Jason Kelce (8th) and the Pouncey twins (8th and 7th, respectively) as long-term starters he thought would be enough to make a difference in the changing landscape. "We just got to get the younger generation to follow in those footsteps," Whitehair said.

For every success story such as Whitehair, it seems there's a recently drafted center who's already out of the league — guys like David Molk, Philip Blake, Peter Konz, Khaled Holmes, Bryan Stork and Hroniss Grasu to name a few. □



In this Oct. 6, 2018, file photo, Conor McGregor, left, fights Khabib Nurmagomedov are separated during a UFC 229 mixed martial arts bout in Las Vegas.

Associated Press

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — UFC lightweight champion Khabib Nurmagomedov was fined \$500,000 and

suspended for nine months for a brawl inside and outside the octagon after his fight with Conor McGregor

## Nurmagomedov, McGregor suspended, fined for UFC 229 brawl

at UFC 229. McGregor was fined \$50,000 and suspended for six months.

Nurmagomedov's suspension can be reduced by three months if he participates with Las Vegas police in an anti-bullying public service announcement, according to a settlement approved Tuesday by the Nevada Athletic Commission. The commission must approve the PSA and how it's distributed.

Nurmagomedov's fine will be taken from his share

of the purse for the Oct. 6 fight. The suspensions for both fighters are retroactive to Oct. 6.

Nurmagomedov climbed over the cage and scuffled with a fighter in McGregor's corner after McGregor (21-4) tapped out during a chokehold by Nurmagomedov (27-0) in the fourth round of UFC 229. Video showed McGregor both trying to climb the cage to apparently join fighting outside and attempting to strike another

person doing the same. McGregor and Nurmagomedov had been suspended since shortly after the fight and remained so while the brawl was under investigation.

Nurmagomedov has said previously on social media that he was being unfairly punished. He complained that discipline didn't follow an incident last April in Brooklyn, New York, when McGregor shattered windows on Nurmagomedov's bus with a wheeled cart. □





In this Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019 file photo, Britain's Andy Murray answers questions at a press conference following his first round loss to Spain's Roberto Bautista Agut at the Australian Open tennis championships in Melbourne, Australia.

Associated Press

## 3-time major champion Andy Murray says he had hip operation

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**  
AP Tennis Writer

Andy Murray did have a second hip operation, after all, getting a metal implant one year after his first procedure on the joint. The three-time major champion posted a message Tuesday on Instagram saying that he had the surgery in London on Monday. "Feeling a bit battered and bruised just now," Murray wrote, "but hopefully that will be the end of my hip pain." What's not known with any certainty yet is what this might mean for the 31-year-old Murray's future in tennis. Before the Australian Open, where he lost in the first round on Jan. 14, Murray said that he planned to retire at some point in 2019 — and that it was possible that Grand Slam tournament might be the final event of his career.

He is most famous for ending Britain's 77-year wait for a male champion at Wimbledon in 2013; he also won the 2016 title there, along with the 2012 U.S. Open and two Olympic singles gold medals and a Davis Cup, while reaching No. 1 in the rankings. Tuesday's post included two pictures — one of Murray in a hospital bed, the other of an X-ray. "I now have a metal hip as you can see," Murray

wrote, before showing that his sense of humor is intact by adding, "and I look like I've got a bit of a gut."

He has dealt with hip pain for years and already had one operation in January 2018. But that did not solve the problem.

The night he lost to Roberto Bautista Agut in Australia, Murray said he would decide quickly whether to have surgery again.

"I have an option to have another operation, which is a little bit more kind of severe than what I've had before — having my hip resurfaced, which will allow me to have a better quality of life and be out of pain. That's something that I'm seriously considering right now," he said at the time. "Some athletes have had that and have gone back to competing. But there's obviously no guarantees with that. The reason for having an operation like that is not to return to professional sports, you know, it's just for a better quality of life." Murray had been keeping in touch with American doubles player Bob Bryan, who had the same hip resurfacing with a metal implant last August. By December, Bryan was back at practice. And he made his Grand Slam return at the Australian Open. □



In this Jan. 29, 2014 file photo, taken with a fisheye lens looking south toward downtown Atlanta, the ice-covered interstate system shows the remnants of a winter snow storm, in Atlanta.

Associated Press

## Atlanta sounds alarm over snow; New England fans unfazed

By **JEFF MARTIN**

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Atlanta got a mere spritzing of rain Tuesday, hours after a winter weather forecast prompted authorities to close government offices, shutter schools and cancel flights in anticipation of icy streets.

But the southern city was experiencing abnormally frosty conditions as fans arrived for the Super Bowl, with temperatures dropping into the 30s on Tuesday.

New England Patriots fans in town for the game did not panic.

"I grew up in all that snow, and I remember a lot of blizzards up there so this is like nothing unusual," said Stephen Knefel, who grew up in Salem, Massachusetts. "It didn't faze me at all — it's just part of everyday life up in New England."

Patriots' coach Bill Belichick was holed up in the team's hotel downtown, and was oblivious to the weather conditions.

"I haven't been outside of this building today," he said during a Tuesday afternoon news conference at the Hyatt Regency on Peachtree Street. "There could be 8 feet of snow out there, it could be 95 degrees — I have no idea."

Some snow from the feared

storm did fall Tuesday in Georgia's northwest corner, but it was sweater weather during Atlanta's morning commute. The shoes of office workers made crunching sounds on downtown sidewalks, where road salt caught the light from outdoor video boards set up for the Super Bowl and reflected shades of blue, red and green.

Ultimately, precipitation from the storm front proved negligible for Atlanta. The plunging temperatures jolted the city, though: It was 50 degrees before dawn and was expected to reach the 20s by Tuesday evening, National Weather Service Meteorologist Sid King said.

Atlanta takes even a threat of icy weather seriously after enduring its infamous "snow jam" five years ago, when cars, trucks and school buses became marooned for hours on the southern city's freeways.

Delta Air Lines "proactively" canceled about 170 flights at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, its main hub, the Atlanta-based airline announced late Monday.

Anticipating the storm, Gov. Brian Kemp announced the closure Tuesday of state offices in more than 30 counties across

northern Georgia, saying "temperatures are going to plummet." Atlanta Public Schools closed its campuses, and other area districts followed suit.

"It's very similar to what we saw in 2014 where the roadways will not have time to dry off before the moisture or precipitation on them refreezes," Kemp said Monday. "And that's when you have black ice, and that's what causes wrecks, which causes gridlock and public safety issues, injuries."

Road crews sprayed liquid salt on north Georgia's major interstates, state routes and overpasses, including routes that the New England Patriots and Los Angeles Rams must use to travel to and from practice venues. Visiting Patriots fan Pamela Wales of Quincy, Massachusetts, said television images shown this week reminded her that Atlanta and ice don't mix well. "They were showing all kinds of pictures on TV from 2014 when everyone got stuck," Wales said as she toured Super Bowl exhibits at the Georgia World Congress Center.

Sunday's Super Bowl will be played in downtown Atlanta in Mercedes-Benz Stadium, and officials have promised to open its roof if weather permits. □





**By: Dr. Carlos Viana**

**Hypertension, high blood pressure is a risk factor associated with heart attacks and strokes. Blood pressure readings involve two number, one above the other. The top number, which is also the higher of the two numbers, measures the pressure in the arteries when the heart beats, that is, when the heart muscle contracts. The top number is called the Systolic number. The bottom number, the Diastolic, which is also the lower of the two numbers, measures the pressure in the arteries between heartbeats (when the heart muscle is resting between beats and refilling with blood).**

I consider abnormal blood pressure to be more than 140/90. Like an overinflated tire or balloon, that can rupture, a burst blood vessel in the brain causes a stroke and in the heart blood vessels that are blocked or broken can cause a heart attack. When the largest artery in the body, the aorta, is torn or ruptured, traumatic aortic rupture is a life-threatening condition. Blood pressure problems should not be ignored and should instead, if possible, be treated with natural supplements.

Clinically, I have found that there are many reasons that produce high blood pressure, weak blood, or anemia, high cholesterol, pre-diabetes, stress, tight blood vessels or liver problems. Fortunately, we can treat many of the different reasons that develop hypertension with natural dietary supplements made from organic food. Low blood count reduces your blood's ability

to carry oxygen through your body. To compensate, your heart starts beating faster and stronger. Blood pressure rises. The human body needs vitamin B12 to make red blood cells, nerves, DNA, and carry out other functions. The average adult should get 2.4 micrograms a day. Like most vitamins, B12 can't be made by the body. Instead, it must be gotten from food or supplements. In older people, B12 deficiency has been linked to dementia. This deficiency has also been linked to other neurodegenerative disorders such as multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's disease.

Individuals who experience even slightly reduced levels of vitamin B12 also tend to have elevated homocysteine levels. Homocysteine is an amino acid used normally by the body in making energy and making muscles. Elevated concentrations in the blood are thought to increase the risk for heart disease by damaging the lining of blood vessels and increasing the risk of blood clot formation. Always make sure you are taking a B complex with your B 12 or other B's. They work best together.

When I studied and worked as a Traditional Chinese Medical doctor in Shanghai one of our principle natural medicines was rice that had a yeast or fungus growing on the grains. The yeast called *Monascus purpureus*, turns the rice a red color. Called Red yeast rice, it has a long history of use as both a food and a medicine in China. Red yeast rice contains natural monacolin K, which has properties very similar to cholesterol-lowering prescription medications known as statins. Besides helping the liver convert the cholesterol into a healthier bile, clinical tests have looked at the benefits of red yeast rice to treat other cardiovascular disorders, including hypertension, high blood pressure.

With low, weak blood or low blood sugar, hypoglycemia, the body tightens or constricts the blood vessels to increase oxygen and glucose movement. Constriction of the blood vessels is the body's way to raise the blood pressure. By narrowing the passage in the blood vessels, blood flows more slowly to the organs and the arms and legs. I prescribe Biotin supplementation to reduces systolic blood pressure by helping arteries be smoother and able to relax more.

Mari Watanabe-Kamiyama reported in the Brit-

ish Journal of Nutrition that biotin has beneficial effects on hypertension and the frequency of stroke.

Biotin is one of the B complex vitamins that help the body convert food into energy.

The word biotin comes from the ancient Greek word "biotos," which means "life" or "sustenance." B vitamins, and specifically biotin, help keep your skin, hair, eyes, liver, and nervous system healthy. Biotin is also a crucial nutrient during pregnancy, as it's important for embryonic growth.

When a new patient has blood pressure of 140 over 90 or more, I do a blood test to check for Insulin resistance (pre-diabetes). The National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse reports high blood sugar contributes to high blood pressure. One of the proposed uses of the herb milk thistle is to lower blood sugar levels, which may ultimately cause a decrease in blood pressure. Mayo Clinic states animal and laboratory research found milk thistle may be capable of lowering high cholesterol levels. If this is true, milk thistle may help lower blood pressure by eliminating excessive cholesterol within the arteries. For centuries natural physicians have used milk thistle to help the liver detoxify.

Get the Point! Years ago, nutritionists would take your blood pressure, have you eat one food and check your blood pressure ten minutes later. If your blood pressure rose more than ten points, that food was considered to be intolerant, or not good for you. The food - blood pressure connection is well established. Thankfully, we can use natural food dietary supplements to help control our blood pressure naturally. □

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# Millennial Money: 5 keys to picture-perfect TV buying

By COURTNEY JESPERSEN  
Associated Press

Buying a TV can be thrilling, yet daunting. To maximize the exhilaration — while minimizing the uncertainty — experts say to pay attention to at least five things. You may be considering a new TV ahead of the Super Bowl, but these tips work throughout the year, too.

## 1. SIZE

Size alone shouldn't be the deciding factor, but it will be a large part of your decision — both literally and figuratively.

"I always tell people to buy the biggest screen that they can afford and that will fit in their room," says Tim Alessi, the director of product marketing at LG Electronics. "Because I've never met anybody yet who has said, 'Oh darn. I wish I bought a smaller TV.'" The opposite is often true: Consumers bring a TV home and wish they had gone larger. Alessi notes screens 70 inches and above are a huge growth category in the TV industry right now. Think about where you want to put your TV and what size will fit. Online, many retailers allow you to filter your search according to criteria like screen size and brand.

## 2. BUDGET

But you need room for that big TV in your budget. Thankfully, the period leading up to the Super Bowl is a time for all-star deals.

"A 70-inch TV, for example, we'll have on the market leading up to the Super Bowl at under \$1,000," Alessi says.

Last year, TVs were on sale at Amazon, Best Buy, Costco and Target at the end of January, but

TV sales also happen

throughout the year. For example, Black Friday in November is famed for big discounts on all screens.

But there will be other things to account for in your budget, like accessories and installation, so don't commit to a dollar figure just yet.

## 3. CONNECTIVITY AND COLOR

Once you've narrowed the selection, think about what you want it to do. If you're upgrading for the first time in years, compare the latest innovations to see which ones match your viewing habits.

"Typically in the U.S., consumers hold onto a television for about five to seven years," says Rob Brennan, the product technology manager for home entertainment and sound at Sony Electronics.

"If you're coming into the market now for a new TV before the Super Bowl, the last time you bought a television was sometime in 2013 or 2014. A lot has changed in that window."

Ask yourself questions about things like the TV's smart capability. Do you want a TV that can tell your Roomba to start cleaning? And as for the all-important decision of LCD versus OLED, here's a quick cheat sheet from Brennan. For the most part, LCD (which has an LED backlight) works well in bright rooms, while OLED suits dark environments dedicated to TV viewing.

## 4. ACCESSORIES

Next, make sure you have any extra equipment you'll need.

Sound is an especially important consideration. You could use the TV's sound as is, but you may consider buying a sound bar



In this Nov. 9, 2018, file photo shoppers look at televisions at a Walmart Supercenter in Houston.

Associated Press

or audio/video receiver separately to enhance the sound, according to Michael Greco, senior director of global brand management at Sound United. If you do, remember to read the "What's in the box" packaging. (I can't be the only person who ordered a TV without the necessary cables to hook it up.)

"I would always double-check what's in the box and make sure you have the right cables in the box," says Greco. "If not, you'll need to buy them at the time you buy your TV or your audio equipment."

## 5. IDEAL INSTALLATION

Finally, make a plan to get that fancy new screen home. Particularly for wall mounting, as opposed to a TV stand, consider springing for professional delivery and installation.

"When you shop for the TV, a lot of retailers will offer either specials or free installation depending on where you are, so I would take advantage of that," Alessi says.

Ask about installation warranties, too. These can give you peace of mind you won't get if you hang it yourself.

"If the television were to come off the wall, then the installer typically will guarantee their work," Brennan says.

If you need the TV on short notice, check how quickly delivery and installation is available.

And once the work of buying is done, rest easy and enjoy those Super Bowl commercials; you likely won't have to go through this process again for five to seven years. □



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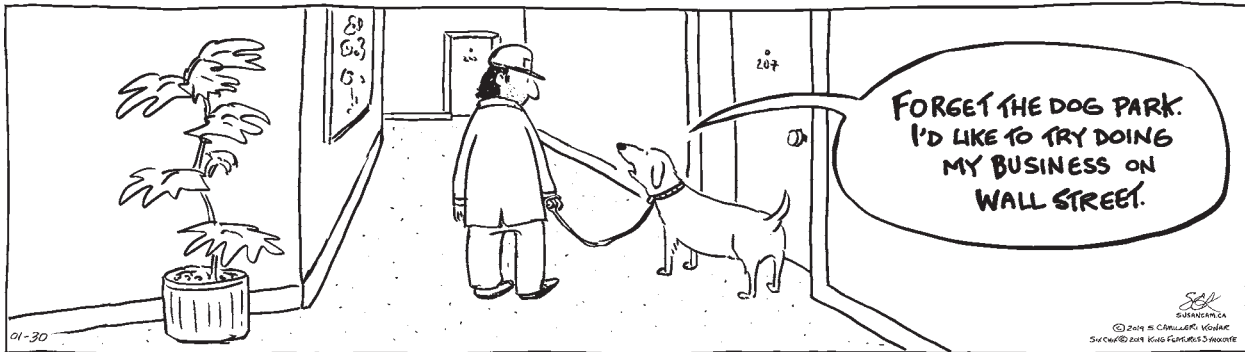
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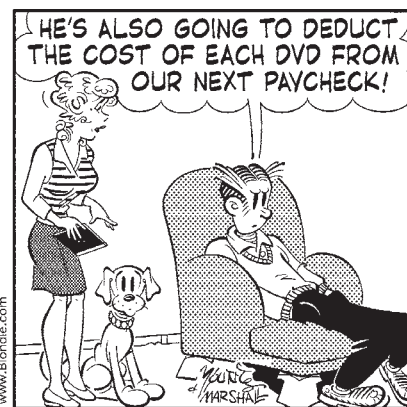
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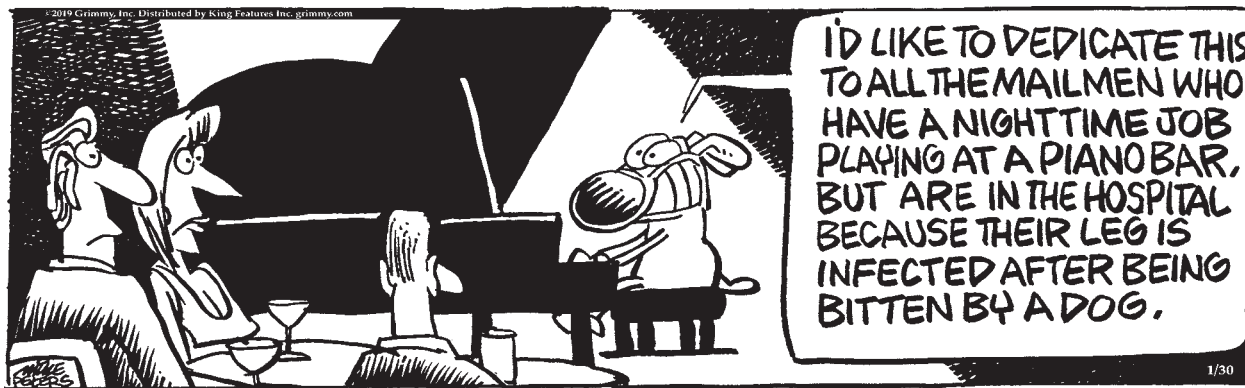
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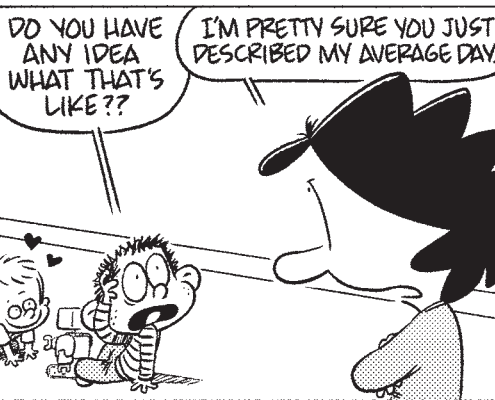
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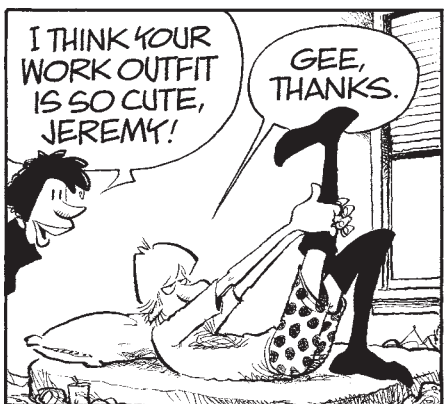
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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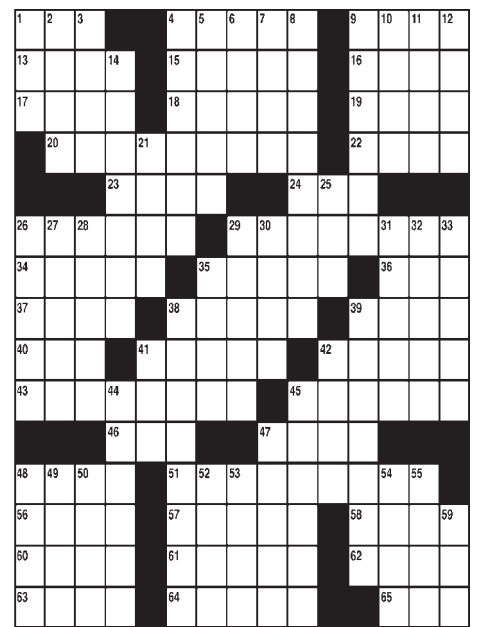
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8	3	2	7	5	9	4	1	6
7	5	6	1	2	4	3	9	8
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3	9	7	4	1	6	8	2	5
6	2	1	5	3	8	9	7	4

## ACROSS

- 1 One \_\_\_ kind; unique thing  
4 "\_\_\_ Is Born"; Barbra Streisand film  
9 \_\_\_ out; protrudes  
13 Bowler's targets  
15 \_\_\_ in; add one's views  
16 Bad guy  
17 Horse's gait  
18 Walking sticks  
19 Murdered  
20 Joyously enthusiastic  
22 "Bright \_\_\_"; Shirley Temple movie  
23 Prescribed amount  
24 Cold sore site  
26 Suit coat parts  
29 Make too warm  
34 "\_\_\_ get no respect"; Dangerfield's line  
35 Idaho's capital  
36 Ike's initials  
37 Dissolve  
38 S, M, L & XL  
39 Cheese variety  
40 Antlered animal  
41 Played a role  
42 Preen  
43 \_\_\_ for; sought out  
45 Most immaculate  
46 Lemony drink  
47 Family member  
48 Stylish  
51 City fellow's rural vacation spot  
56 Cereal grain  
57 Bring together  
58 Unhappy fate  
60 Above  
61 Compare  
62 Run-down neighborhood  
63 Ties the knot  
64 Chris of tennis  
65 TV's "Car 54, Where \_\_\_ You?"

## DOWN

- 1 \_\_\_ for; choose  
3 Lure; entice



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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## Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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55 Period of time  
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17,000 Both

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# Science Says: Get used to polar vortex outbreaks



People walk through a snowstorm in downtown Jackson, Mich., Monday, Jan. 28, 2019.

Associated Press

**By SETH BORENSTEIN**  
**WASHINGTON (AP)** — It might seem counterintuitive, but the dreaded polar vortex is bringing its icy grip to parts of the U.S. thanks to a sudden blast of warm air in the Arctic. Get used to it. The polar vortex has been wandering more often in recent years. It all started with misplaced Moroccan heat. Last month, the normally super chilly air temperatures 20 miles above the North Pole rapidly rose by about 125 degrees (70 degrees Celsius), thanks to air flowing

in from the south. It's called "sudden stratospheric warming." That warmth split the polar vortex, leaving the pieces to wander, said Judah Cohen, a winter storm expert for Atmospheric Environmental Research, a commercial firm outside Boston. "Where the polar vortex goes, so goes the cold air," Cohen said. By Wednesday morning, one of those pieces will be over the Lower 48 states for the first time in years. The forecast calls for a low of minus 21 degrees (minus

29 Celsius) in Chicago and wind chills flirting with minus 65 degrees (minus 54 Celsius) in parts of Minnesota, according to the National Weather Service. The unusual cold could stick around another eight weeks, Cohen said. "The impacts from this split, we have a ways to go. It's not the end of the movie yet," Cohen said. "I think at a minimum, we're looking at mid-February, possibly through mid-March." Americans were introduced to the polar vortex five years ago. It was in early January 2014 when temperatures dropped to minus 16 degrees (minus 27 Celsius) in Chicago and meteorologists, who used the term for decades, started talking about it on social media. This outbreak may snap some daily records for cold and is likely to be even more brutal than five years

ago, especially with added wind chill, said Jeff Masters, meteorology director of the private weather firm Weather Underground. When warm air invades the polar region, it can split the vortex or displace it, usually toward Siberia, Cohen said. Recently, there have been more splits, which increase the odds of other places getting ultra-cold, he said. Pieces of the polar vortex have chilled Europe, Siberia and North America this time. (It's not right to call the frigid center of cold air the polar vortex because it is just a piece or a lobe, not the entire vortex, said University of Oklahoma meteorology professor Jason Furtado.) When the forces penning the polar vortex in the Arctic are weak, it wanders, more often to Siberia than Michigan. And it's happening more frequently in the last couple decades, Furta-

do said. A study a year ago in the Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society looked at decades of the Arctic system and found the polar vortex has shifted "toward more frequent weak states." When the polar vortex pieces wander, warmth invades the Arctic, Alaska, Greenland and Canada, Masters said. While the Midwest chills, Australia has been broiling to record-breaking heat. The world as a whole on Monday was 0.7 degrees (0.4 degrees Celsius) warmer than the 1979-2000 average, according to the University of Maine's Climate Reanalyzer. Some scientists — but by no means most — see a connection between human-caused climate change and difference in atmospheric pressure that causes slower moving waves in the air. "It's a complicated story that involves a hefty dose of chaos and an interplay among multiple influences, so extracting a clear signal of the Arctic's role is challenging," said Jennifer Francis, a climate scientist at the Woods Hole Research Center. Several recent papers have made the case for the connection, she noted. "This symptom of global warming is counterintuitive for those in the cross-hairs of these extreme cold spells," Francis said in an email. "But these events provide an excellent opportunity to help the public understand some of the 'interesting' ways that climate change will unfold." Others, like Furtado, aren't sold yet on the climate change connection. Northern Illinois University meteorology professor Victor Gensini, who has already felt temperatures that seem like 25 degrees below zero, said there's "a growing body of literature" to support the climate connection. But he says more evidence is needed. "Either way," Gensini said, "it's going to be interesting being in the bullseye of the Midwest cold." □



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# The Old Man and the Play: Friend keeps word to Hemingway

By KRISTEN DE GROOT

Associated Press

WESTPORT, Conn. (AP) —

When the 1958 film adaptation of "The Old Man and the Sea" hit theaters, Ernest Hemingway happened to be in New York City to watch the World Series and invited his close friend A.E. Hotchner to go see the movie with him.

"About 12 or 13 minutes after we sat down, he turns to me and says, 'Ready to go?'" Hotchner said in a recent interview at his Connecticut home. The 101-year-old author and playwright recalls them walking out and taking off down the sidewalk, Hemingway ranting the whole time that the star Spencer Tracy was totally miscast, that he looked like a fat, rich actor trying to play a fisherman.

"He said, 'You know, you write a book that you really like and then they do something like that to it, and it's like pissing in your father's beer,'" Hotchner said. (Hemingway reserved this particular turn of phrase for a handful of hated adaptations of his work, he said.)

Later that night, sitting at Toots Shor's restaurant — a hangout frequented by Joe DiMaggio, Jackie Gleason and Marilyn Monroe — Hemingway urged Hotchner to do his own adaptation someday. Hotchner said he promised he would try.

More than 60 years later, Hotchner has kept his word.



Ernest Hemingway's close friend and biographer A.E. Hotchner, left, poses for a photograph with his son Tim Hotchner, Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019, in the Hotchner family home in Westport, Conn.

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His stage adaptation of "The Old Man and the Sea" premieres at the newly renovated Point Park University's Pittsburgh Playhouse on Feb. 1.

"It wasn't until I became an old man myself that I really got to a version that could transport itself beyond the book," he said.

Hotchner should be the perfect candidate to take the novel to the stage: he fished with Hemingway in Cuba, went to bullfights with him in Spain, hunted with him in Idaho and wrote the 1966 best-selling biography "Papa Hemingway." He also helped edit Hemingway's bullfighting classic "The Dangerous Summer." He often served

as his agent and adapted several stories for television, including "The Snows of Kilimanjaro," "The Killers" and "The Battler," which led to his first meeting with Paul Newman. (The two became best friends and neighbors and started the "Newman's Own" food company together. But that's another story).

"Somehow that pledge to him haunted me, because he died not too long after that. For years I would think about 'The Old Man and The Sea.' But I never could think in my head how you could take this very personal book, because the old man is really Hemingway himself, which is really a literary work," he said. "How

do you bring that to life on the stage?"

He tried maybe 10 times over the years to adapt it, starting drafts only to scrap them, until his latest effort.

To help reel the project in, he enlisted his son Tim Hotchner to collaborate on it and help transform his draft into what will run in Pittsburgh through Feb. 17.

"I've lived with Hemingway's ghost for my whole life and there was something very profound about this story, even though it's very simple," said Tim Hotchner, 47, a documentary filmmaker and writer. "And to have a 101-year-old father who's still going out for his marlin, and hopefully coming back with better results,

there are a lot of themes that really resonate."

Tim Hotchner also saw the project as a way to re-examine the work with a modern lens: to look at what it means to be a man in the world and to look at the environment.

To make "The Old Man and the Sea" accessible on stage, the Hotchners crafted a kaleidoscope of the tale, and mined the text for a new approach. The boy has a bigger role, and Hemingway himself is a character, as is a cellist who evokes the moods of the play throughout.

It stars Tony Award-winning actor Anthony Crivello as Santiago, the aging fisherman, David Cabot as Hemingway and Gabriel Florentino as the boy, Manolin. Cellist Simon Cummings will perform original music for the show.

Getting the draft to the stage happened unusually fast, due to a collaboration with New York City-based RWS Entertainment Group.

The Hotchners' agent passed along the script to Joe Christopher, who heads up RWS's theatrical division, who took it with him on vacation in June.

"I don't know if it was because I literally read it while I was lying on the beach, but I could viscerally see the show working," he said. He told RWS CEO Ryan Stana it would be the chance of a lifetime to work with someone who had been side-by-side with Hemingway. □

## Ruffin's debut novel is challenging, thought-provoking

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"We Cast a Shadow" (One World), by Maurice Carlos Ruffin

A fear-driven, racially charged world is the land in which the narrator of "We Cast a Shadow" lives. Half the black community — and eight out of 10 black men — are arrested in their lifetime. A ghetto has been fortified, walling in the black population for the "health, safety and general welfare" of citizens. Cur-

fews are enforced. Those who break the law can be deported. And for the narrator, a black man lucky enough to have avoided prison (unlike his father) and who holds a position at a law firm, his top priority is creating a better life for his son — even if that means turning him white. Maurice Carlos Ruffin weaves many threads, from the fragile complexity of a father-son relationship to a person's capacity for change. The

world Ruffin creates is semi-satirically extreme, yet there is an air of plausibility that is unsettling. What is the result of fear, power and discrimination left unchecked? And where is the line between protecting your own and subjecting them to the very prejudice that has ruled your world? Heart-wrenching and morally ambiguous, "We Cast a Shadow" explores questions of justice and self-actualization. Life's fulfillment may

only seem within reach when cultural assimilation to the most extreme degree takes place. But what is the price that is paid? The moral high ground in such a society is reserved for those who haven't faced discrimination themselves, from the narrator's perspective. Unapologetic in his ability to make the reader uncomfortable, "We Cast a Shadow" is a challenging, thought-provoking debut by Ruffin. □



This cover image released by One World shows "We Cast a Shadow," a novel by Maurice Carlos Ruffin.

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# 'Arctic' is a solid, and solitary, survival tale

By LINDSEY BAHR  
Associated Press

The premise for "Arctic" is so simple it's almost silly to describe: Stranded man tries to survive. It's also been done more than a few times in movies, so it's understandable if hearing that invokes a yawn. And yet with barely any dialogue, traditional storytelling methods or even a cute pet or inanimate object to help, director Joe Penna and star Mads Mikkelsen have made a riveting and precisely plotted film worthy of other greats in the genre.

Instead of Mars or a desert island, Mikkelsen's character, Overgard, has had the misfortune of crash-landing his plane in the arctic. We don't see the crash, and we don't know how long he's been there when we first meet him fussing with snow and rocks with purpose. But a wide-shot reveals what he's working on: A massive SOS. Ok, you think, he's been here for a bit already. And he has a methodical, if uncomfortable-looking,



This image released by Bleecker Street shows Mads Mikkelsen in a scene from "Arctic."

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little system in place to occupy his chilly days. He's dug out holes in the ice for fishing, stores the freshly caught fish in a cooler and takes one of the older ones for his meal, carving out little slices of frozen sashimi to eat with a knife. His days are mostly spent exploring, making notes on a little map and searching for

signals with a device that's never really explained. When the sun starts to fade it's time to retire to the wrecked plane, where he removes his gloves and socks (what toes and fingers are left have been ravaged by frostbite) and gets ready for sleep, zipping himself up in a sleeping bag cocoon. A beep-

ing alarm on his watch wakes him in the morning. The alarm is a lifeline, and goes off multiple times during the day, possibly to remind him to move on to the next task, or maybe as insurance to remind him to wake up should he drift off in an unprotected spot. Sure, it's slightly monotonous, but he does seem to

have a goal he's working toward and he isn't even close to giving up.

Then one day he sees a helicopter and the people inside seem to see him. I won't spoil what comes next completely, but it is far from the end of his story and adds an interesting element to Overgard's journey. But it's the kind of film that might make you want to sign up for a wilderness survival class as soon as you walk out.

It's pretty amazing just how compelling this is for being so simple, but it allows the viewer to really get wrapped up in the minutiae of it all: The performance, the landscape, the minor triumphs and major setbacks. When he discovers a tiny little lighter to heat a burner that allows him to actually eat cooked fish for the first time in forever, you can't help but smile with satisfaction along with him. You'll get a pit in your stomach when something doesn't pan out and you'll be inspired by his motivation in the face of everything. □

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## Dave Keuning's solo album has a homemade feel, alas



This cover image released by Thirty Tigers shows "Prismism," by Dave Keuning.

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By MARK KENNEDY  
Associated Press  
Dave Keuning, "Prismism" (Thirty Tigers)

The Killers' founding member and guitarist Dave Keuning shows off some very different sides of his

music on a new solo album. The question is who besides Keuning really wants to hear them.

"Prismism" is both too much and too little — a collection of 14 tracks with all the instruments — aside from some drum, keyboard and guitar parts — played by Keuning himself.

If it sounds very homemade, there's good reason. The album was written and recorded by Keuning in his San Diego home studio. To be honest, it often sounds like a guy messing around with instruments to see what sounds cool.

And what's cool to Keuning is apparently 1980 synth pop.

Thick swaths of synthesizer try to keep this record afloat but too often they sound tinny, like those old, cheap Casio keyboard kids played on in the '80s. □



# Jimmy Page's dragon guitar reborn after 50 years on ice

By ANDREW DALTON

Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — After five decades, Jimmy Page's dragon has re-emerged from its lair. Fender instruments on Wednesday gave the public its first look at its recreation of a Telecaster guitar that Page once painted with a dragon, a long-lost piece of six-string history that marked the guitar hero's last days in the Yardbirds and first days in Led Zeppelin.

The instrument with the psychedelic green-and-red serpent on its body represents "a pivotal moment for the guitar and music," said Paul Waller, the master builder who worked side-by-side with Page to make him a spot-on match of the guitar before making 50 more by hand to sell to the public.

The reboot was hatched when Page was looking through photographs for a book celebrating last year's 50th anniversary of Led Zeppelin. The dragon



This Oct. 10, 2018 file photo shows Jimmy Page posing for a portrait at the Fender Factory in Corona, Calif.

Associated Press

guitar, which he says was once his "Excalibur," kept popping up in them, and he started to think it was time to get past his bitterness about its fate.

The 1959 Telecaster, pre-paint, had been a cher-

ished gift from his fellow former Yardbird bandmate Jeff Beck.

"It was given to me with so much affection," Page told The Associated Press in October. "I really wanted to customize the instrument,

almost consecrate the instrument."

Page first decorated it with mirrors, then pulled out poster paints and used his art-school skills to summon the dragon.

He would use the guitar

to write and record songs like "Dazed and Confused" for the first Led Zeppelin album, work as significant as any in the history of the electric guitar.

But a clueless house-sitter, not thinking much of Page's painting, put his own mosaic artwork over the dragon and presented it to Page as a gift. Page said it was all he could do not to hit the guy over the head with it. Instead, he stripped it bare and angrily threw it into storage, where it sat for 50 years.

The guitar-makers at Fender had thought about re-making the instrument long before Page himself came forward, because of its historic significance and as a way to claim for Fender a piece of Page, who among guitar nerds is associated with rival Gibson guitars.

Page even made a trip to Fender's California plant — the rocker's first time inside a guitar factory — to inspect and help with the finished products. □

# 'The whole world will see it': Crafting the papal chair

**LOS POZOS, Panama (AP)**

— A handful of carpenters were putting the finishing details on a towering cedar chair, detailed with carvings and crowned by a triangular pediment.

Still missing were its white upholstery and two ornamental shields representing the Vatican and Pope Francis, who will use it when he visits Panama starting Wednesday to preside over World Youth Day.

"You know who the chair is for, where it is going to be shown," said Hernan Guardia, 42, whose workshop is responsible for crafting the elegant throne. "Practically the whole world will see it." That will happen Saturday, about 70 miles (110 kilometers) to the northeast at the Santa Maria la Antigua Cathedral in the Panamanian capital's colonial core.

The cathedral was closed for several years for restoration work that finally concluded in December, and it will reopen to the public after Francis consecrates it.



A worker dusts a wooden chair being made for Pope Francis that will be placed on an altar where he will give Mass on World Youths Day, at the studio of carpenter Hernan Guardia in Los Pozos, Panama, Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019.

Associated Press

Guardia has made a name for himself for years repairing and crafting wooden furniture for churches in Panama City's historic quarter.

In addition to the papal chair, his workshop has also built 200 pews for the cathedral as well as 16 bishops' chairs, one for Panamanian Archbishop Jose Domingo Ulloa and 24 more for priests. To get the job done, Guardia doubled his staff to 20 artisans. From all the wood that was procured for the furnishings, Guardia said the best and finest pieces were selected for Francis' chair, which stands about 6 1/2 feet (just over 2 meters) tall and was based on a design provided by the Roman Catholic Church.

"I have taken it on in a very simple way," he said, adding that filling this order required discipline and rigor at every stage. "It's just another job that we have to carry out, only with a very special meaning." □



# Workspaces centered on women on the rise in #MeToo movement

By MICHELLE R. SMITH

Associated Press

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — Entering the year-old workspace ModernWell feels like coming into a comfortable spa. Clean lines give way to cozy touches like footstools covered with faux fur and a roaring fire surrounded by comfortable armchairs. Women type away on laptops at tables scattered throughout.

There is not a man in sight. ModernWell is one of a growing number of women-only and women-focused workspaces around the country. While many predate the #MeToo movement, their growth has been interlinked with it as it put combating workplace harassment on the national agenda. They're also tapping into a desire among many women to build a community and supportive environment at work that's different from a stereotypical corporate workplace culture.

The spaces provide more than just desks and a coffee machine. They offer programs like high-profile speakers or yoga classes, and a chance to build a social and business network with like-minded women. It's like WeWork, minus the beer on tap and tech bro atmosphere.

"I think women, especially, are craving safe spaces where they can go and be inspired and do really important work without interruption, and without being reminded of all that, too. There's literally no risk that somebody's going to sexually harass me here," said Renee Powers, a ModernWell member who founded her business, Feminist Book Club, in the space.

The biggest player is The Wing, which opened in 2016 in New York and has been expanding rapidly across the country. Its San Francisco location opened in October with a nod to the #MeToo movement, naming a conference room after Christine Blasey Ford, who testified before Congress that Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh had sexually assaulted her



In this Jan. 16, 2019 photo, ModernWell founder and CEO Julie Burton poses for a photo in the Well-ness Room in Minneapolis.

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in high school. Kavanaugh denied the allegation and was confirmed to the court. Membership to use one location costs \$2,350 annually, and the company now has more than 6,000 members, spokeswoman Zara Rahim said.

Most of the spaces allow men, but some do not. The Wing was sued by a Washington, D.C. man who alleged discrimination. Its board soon after approved a membership policy providing that an applicant's gender identity would not be considered, a develop-

ment first reported by Insider. Rahim said the policy was being developed before the lawsuit and was unrelated to it. The Wing is also under investigation by the New York City Commission on Human Rights for gender-based discrimination. The Wing said it is working with the commission.

Another fast-growing space is The Riveter, with five locations in Seattle and Los Angeles and plans to open in Austin, Texas, in March. On Tuesday, it announced plans to open five more locations in cities

including Minneapolis and Atlanta.

About 20 percent of its members are building venture-scale startups, but the majority are small businesses with just a few employees, or people who work on their own such as lawyers or real estate agents, founder and CEO Amy Nelson said. It ranges from \$99 to hundreds of dollars monthly.

About one-quarter of The Riveter's 2,000 members are men, Nelson said, but the difference is that "out of the gate we're putting women first."



In this Jan. 16, 2019 photo, ModernWell founder Julie Burton, right, arranges flowers as four women confer on a non-profit event in Minneapolis.

Associated Press

"I think that we're seeing a societal shift that isn't going to go away," she said. "Women's voices are being heard."

The space has brought in high-profile speakers such as Sheryl Sandberg and offers activities such as office hours with a venture capital firm and seminars on digital mindfulness or wellness. That kind of programming sets the spaces apart from more general ones, said Steve King of Emergent Research, who studies the future of work and the rise of the independent workforce.

ModernWell founder Julie Burton, an author and wellness instructor, teaches yoga at her space, which also offers events such as a class on women's memoir writing. Burton said her space grew out of a writing group she co-founded in 2015, which coincidentally was women-only. After the 2016 presidential election, she said many women she knew were upset and she felt galvanized to build a business to help women support each other and empower themselves.

"Whether you are out marching or not marching, I felt we had work to do, and I wanted to be part of the work," she said.

The space has given women from different industries and professional backgrounds a chance to connect, she said.

Those connections help women support each other, battling feelings such as "impostor syndrome," where women question whether they have the qualifications to start a company or embark on a particular venture, Burton said.

That community feeling is what draws some women to the spaces, said Jamie Russo, executive director of the Global Workspace Association.

Co-working spaces in general are on the rise, and as the sector grows, different niches have developed to serve different groups, such as attorneys or people working in real estate, technology, big data or artificial intelligence. □